

City of Deer Park
City Council Committee Meeting
Municipal Building
March 7, 2016

President Hedger opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guest/Public Comment

Alex Harper, owner of “The Cream of Caffeine” in Deer Park, spoke to council concerning a recent post on the Facebook page “Deer Park Today” which she feels slanders her business by stating that the service was slow and also included negative remarks about two city council members. Ms. Harper added that she, her husband and family are for being part of the community and welcomes all. Ms. Harper was enthusiastic about the upcoming event “Coffee with a Cop” to take place Saturday March 12 at 10 am at her business.

Legislative and Finance Committee

Student Government Night, March 14, 2016

President Hedger announced that Student Government Night will be held on March 14, 2016. The dinner will take place at 6 pm at Howard School followed by the regular city council meeting in council chambers at 7 pm.

2016-06 Appropriation Ordinance

Mr. Berens announced that the 3rd reading of Ordinance 2016-06 will be presented for approval at the March 14 city council meeting.

February 2016 Income Tax Report

Mr. Berens reported that the February 2016 Income Tax Report is up \$120,000 over this time last year. The report is in council mailboxes and will be presented for approval at the March 14 council meeting.

February 2016 JEDZ Report

Mr. Berens announced that the JEDZ report is finished, is up \$189,000 and will be presented at the March 14 city council meeting.

Zoning Code Update

Mr. Helmes announced that he and Mr. Tassell have been discussing proposed definition changes to be made to codified ordinances in regards to zoning restrictions. Mr. Helmes provided a packet to council explaining each type of definition.

Hamilton County Solid Waste District Update

Mr. Berens announced that Deer Park recycled 354 tons in 2015. Congratulations Deer Park residents!

Deer Park Schools Community Conversations

Mr. Berens announced that Deer Park Community Schools are looking to get feedback on a possible levy and will hold open conversations at the following locations and times:

March 9 at Howard School at 6:45 pm

March 23 at Trinity Church at 11:30 am

April 6 at Deer Park Career Academies in Deer Park High School at 11:30 am

Safety Committee

February 2016 Deer Park-Silverton Joint Fire District Monthly Report

Mr. Berens stated that the February 2016 fire district monthly report is in council mailboxes and will be given at next week's City Council meeting on March 14.

February 2016 Deer Park Police Department Monthly Report

Mr. Berens stated that the February 2016 police department monthly report is in council mailboxes and will be given at next week's City Council meeting on March 14.

"Coffee with a Cop" is being held on Saturday March 12 at The Cream of Caffeine at 10 am.

The Block Watch meeting is scheduled for March 13 at 4 pm. Mr. Berens advised citizens in attendance to check with Lt. McCormick to verify the location as it was unknown whether it will be held at the city building or at a private home.

Public Works Committee

Infrastructure Committee

Mr. Lehane announced that the Infrastructure Committee will hold a town hall meeting at 7pm on both Tuesday March 22 and Tuesday March 29 where the road levy will be discussed.

Barry Larkin Championship HOF Trail

Mr. Berens announced that a gentleman named Dane Bryant is in the process of putting together a bike trail honoring Barry Larkin. The bike trail would span 10 – 11 miles and would go from the Losantiville Country Club to Kennedy Heights Park to Silverton to Deer Park to Sycamore Township to Blue Ash's Crosley field on Grooms Road. Mr. Bryant will be at the March 28 city council meeting to talk more about this pending project.

Schedule

CIC Meeting, Thursday, March 10, 2016 at 5:30pm (Lower Level Meeting Room)

City Council Meeting, Monday, March 14, 2016 at 7:00pm (Student Government Night)

Park Board Meeting, Thursday, March 17, 2016 at 7:00pm

City Council Meeting, Monday, March 28, 2016 at 7:00pm

Announcements

Mr. Berens stated that the 2015 Financial Disclosure Statement is required to be filed in 2016 to the Ohio Ethics Commission by all individuals serving in a county elected office. Ms. Perin is signing and mailing back the confirmation stating that all elected officials have been notified.

The Sycamore Senior Center is closing on April 1, 2016.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Christine Hedger
President of Council

Joan Perin
Clerk of Council